

# CREDO...THIS I BELIEVE

# HOLY WEEK, EASTER, AND EASTERTIDE AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

### **PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 25)**

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in a palm procession as we remember how Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem, and as we welcome Him in our world and our hearts today.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY (MARCH 29) Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we join Jesus and His disciples at the Passover Table in the Upper Room. Jesus invites us to come to the table, too: not because we are worthy, but because He loves us and wants us to love one another. We will worship in the style of Taizé with simple music and candlelight.

# GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 30TH) Worship in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we follow Jesus to Calvary and watch once more the unfolding of our inhumanity and God's endless love at the foot of the cross. We were not there when they crucified our Lord, but we can be together in heartbreak, wonder and awe as we remember the breathtaking events of that perfect gift. We will worship in the style of Taizé with simple music and candlelight.

# HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 31) Worship in the chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we watch and wait through the hopeless emptiness of this day. We will renew our baptisms as we worship in the style of Taizé with simple music and candlelight.

# EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 1) Festival worship in the sanctuary at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, our crucified Lord! As Jesus' disciples recognized Him on Easter at table, so we will touch and taste the resurrection at our Lord's Table together. We will celebrate with trumpets and brass, with lilies and blooms, and with the joyous music of the heart of the Christian faith.

# SECOND EASTER (APRIL 8) SHOWTUNE SUNDAY: MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY!

Worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate life and love in

the gift of popular music. This will be our fourth annual Second Easter Music Sunday, and what a gift it will be!

### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL - APRIL 22 The 16th Voices of GCC Musical in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

# CHANCEL CHOIR SUNDAY - APRIL 29 MISA CRIOLLA by Ariel Ramírez

An exciting, lively choral work by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez, Misa Criolla (a "Folk Mass") is based on the sounds and rhythms of various South American cultures, employing a variety of instruments and musical styles. Presented by the Chancel Choir.

# WORSHIP 10:00 AM MARCH

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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#### **Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 1:18 Matthew 16:24-26 John 12:20-33

#### **Sermon:**

The Glory of the Cross Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

### **PALM SUNDAY**

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#### **Scripture:**

Philippians 2:5-11 John 12:12-16

#### **Sermon:**

**A Glimpse of Glory** Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

#### **MUANDY THURSDAY**

7:30 P.M. Worship in the style of Taizé with Holy Communion

**All Things New** 

# FROM SELF AND SIN SET FREE

This coming September, it will be twentyone years since we were blessed by the gift of a week on Sanibel Island. Since then, the great generosity of good friends has made so many return trips to this gem of creation possible that we've lost count. It's thoroughly stolen our hearts, and renewed them over and over again. Part wildlife refuge...part environmental sanctuary... part tropical vacation destination: Sanibel Island is as close to my vision of paradise as anything I've ever experienced. The wise governmental leadership of this island has kept this place uniquely protected from the destructive over-development that plagues so many other coastal resort communities. Here, nature's need prevails over human areed.

On Sunday, March 4, Rev. Dr. John Danner - Senior Pastor of Sanibel United Church of Christ – gave voice to my experience in his eloquent sermon, **Songs Without Words** (yes, I go to church on vacation, and love worshiping at Sanibel UCC!). Songs without words are what I hear on this island: crashing waves, lapping tides, calling birds, breaching dolphins, splashing pelicans, wind-whispering palms...wordless songs of praise that creation sings to its Creator. John urged us to be attentive to creation with this haunting invitation: Don't forget to see the purple flowers. In these days I've been rejoicing in those blooming psalms: silently spectacular doxologies in a place uncommonly abundant because it's cared for and nurtured rather than exploited and mined.

This may be the most profound witness of Sanibel Island...a witness to the surpassing glory of giving that is joyous and free. The heart of Jesus and the core of the Christian gospel aren't very far from that witness. It's the message of the cross; God who gives us love without requisite or limit. Giving love without requisite or limit is the protocol of our Lenten journey, the purpose of Holy Week, and the possibility of Easter. It's also the pulse of Glenview Community Church that gave \$187,000 for God's work beyond our congregation in 2017; \$11,000 more than GCC's Illinois Conference, UCC conferenceleading total in 2016. This, too, is a profound witness. This, too, is a cause for joy.

I came to know and love Helen Lammert in the autumn of her life as a devoted member of the church I served in St. Louis. She was the wife of a pastor; the Rev. Louis Lammert. And she was the daughter of a pastor; the Rev. Julius Horstmann. One of the gifts of her father's ministry was his translations of beloved hymns from German to English. Here's the first verse of a little-known treasure...a song with words that Sanibel's songs without words have evoked in my memory:

The work is Thine, O Christ our Lord, the cause for which we stand; and being Thine, will overcome its foes on every hand.

Yet grains of wheat, before they grow, are buried in the earth below; all that is old doth perish there to form a life both new and fair: so too are we from self and sin set free.

From self and sin set free: a phrase that profoundly captures the power of God's love. In this Lent, and Holy Week, and Easter...in songs without words and songs with words...may we be set free from self and sin for the way of giving and living that we experience in creation, and that we embrace in Jesus Christ, our Lord. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# **NEW**MEMBER SESSION

Have you been attending GCC for a while and want to know more about the church and denomination (United Church of Christ)? Have you been thinking about becoming a member here? Then plan on coming to the New Member session on Thursday evening, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Childcare is available if you request it ahead of time. We will receive new members during worship on Sunday morning, April 15. Please contact Rev. Pam Keckler for more details or if you are interested.

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

On Sunday, March 18 the Faith in Action Team will be collecting signatures to support the Gun Dealer Licensing Act, SB 1657. This act was recently passed by a majority of the Illinois State House of Representatives and the Illinois State Senate. It requires Governor Rauner's signature to be made into law.

This act gives Illinois the ability to encourage better business practices among gun dealers and will help curb a major source of illegally trafficked firearms from entering our communities. It is supported by the United Church of Christ and the Community Renewal Society, a coalition of faith-based institutions. It is very important that we act quickly to urge Governor Rauner to sign the bill.

Please drop by the Faith in Action Table at coffee hour if you wish to obtain more information about the bill and sign the petition. You can also sign the petition in the church office during the week, if that's more convenient for you. We will send the petitions to Governor Rauner after March 18.

If you have any further questions about the bill, contact Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595.

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE TRANSITION: YOUR THOUGHTS WELCOME

An important part of any difficult transition, especially one involving a position elimination, is allowing those affected the opportunity to express their concerns, feelings of loss, and hopes for the future. The Constructive Conversations team invites congregants who would like to share any of these thoughts and feelings with leadership to meet in the Chapel after worship on Sunday, March 18. Also, as was mentioned at the February congregational meeting, the team will be holding a listening session after Easter to understand the needs for congregational care going forward. Comments will be shared with Rev. Mize after this meeting so that he can ensure that pastoral care happens in an excellent, responsive and timely way. If you have any questions about either session, please contact C.J. Sultz at <a href="mailto:cjsultz@comcast.net">cjsultz@comcast.net</a>.

# MINISTRY 101 MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY

The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.

– Johann Sebastian Bach

Music and Worship are synonymous. The purpose of the Music and Worship Ministry is to enhance Sunday Worship through music, words and services.

#### **MUSIC**

GCC has an extremely talented group of Musical Team Directors. We have an active Adult Choir, directed by Guillermo Muñoz Küster. They participate in nearly every Sunday worship service. The Children's Choirs, directed by Debby Shellard, provide our children with an opportunity to participate in worship services while having fun too. Gary Wendt is our Organist and our Bell Choir Director. The Bell Choir performs about once a month and has a very dedicated and talented group of performers who practice once a week. The Annual Nativity Pageant is directed by C.J. Sultz, a lifelong member and a dedicated, active volunteer.

The Music Team also presents the Simple Gifts Concert Series, "... to touch and nourish the souls, creating a celebration through music shared by congregational, community and international artists."

#### **WORSHIP**

The worship service teams support our Sunday Services. Their leaders include: Ushers/Offertory, Bill Roenitz, <a href="mailto:redrook9@comcast.net">redrook9@comcast.net</a>. Communion, Sally Hicks, <a href="mailto:sarahhicks70@gmail.com">sarahhicks70@gmail.com</a>, Lectors, Val Rosenberg, <a href="mailto:valerie381@msn.com">valerie381@msn.com</a>, Ambassadors, M-J Carlson, <a href="mailto:mjcd2223@gmail.com">mjcd2223@gmail.com</a>.

"We have good leadership in our teams, along with our officers and coordinators. Everyone is working well with their teams with the goal to provide a holistic approach to Music and Worship," says Peter Stettler, Chair.

# HUNGER/ HOMELESSNESS SERVICE TEAM

We need people who have an interest in leading service efforts directed at hunger and homelessness. This team will be responsible for setting up the Food on the First program, coordinating a service project at Feed My Starving Children in November, coordinating with The Men's Ministry on Rebuilding Together in the Spring and liaison with A Just Harvest to ensure volunteers. This team will also help identify other opportunities to address these real needs in our community. If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact Betsy Martin <a href="mailto:betsywisemartin@att.net">betsywisemartin@att.net</a> or Tania McCarthy <a href="mailto:tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org">tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org</a>.

# NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS



The "Hometown" Auction and Chili Cook-off is coming up soon on Sunday, April 15, from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now for a night of food, fellowship, and fun, all to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Louisville, KY. GCC's very own Greg Bliss will be the auctioneer for the evening as we bid on many available items, including Cubs tickets and Bears tickets, a photo collection of Chicago Championship Teams, and a 2 night stay at Heartland House in Saugatuck, Ml! It's not too late to donate new items for the auction, and cash donations are always welcome. Donation forms are available in the church office or on the webiste <a href="www.gccucc.org/resourcepdf/SKM\_C364e18012516280.pdf">www.gccucc.org/resourcepdf/SKM\_C364e18012516280.pdf</a>. Contact <a href="karen.ornduff@gmail.com">karen.ornduff@gmail.com</a> for questions about donations or the event.

# CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS

Do you have a great chili recipe? Beef, chicken, sausage, vegetarian... we are looking for all types of chili! Contact Stephen Isaacs at <u>sisaacs3@bloomberg.net</u> and provide your name and phone number to enter the chili cook-off.

The Resale Shop continues to bring in new customers! Everyone who stops in leaves with a smile on their face... and some great deals! We hope you are spreading the word about our great shop!

Give us a review on Google, Yelp and Facebook!



**All Things New** 

## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

## Please return by Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Please return form to: GCC – Attn. Susan 1000 Elm St Glenview, IL 60025

# This year lilies are \$19.00 per plant

Please Print	
Name	
Phone & Email	
Please place my order for hlly(ses) to be used for the Easter season.	
Donated By:	
In Memory of	
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Please check your choice below.	
1)Please deliver the plant to a GCC shut-in. (The pastural staff will assi	ign the recipients)
2)I would like to help deliver# plants to homes & nursing hos	BC.
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3) I will pick up my ordered plant for my own use (must be picked up at	GCC after the
11:00 A M. Faster service OR Tuesday, April 3rd firm 10:00 - 11:00	IAMI



## MEN'S MINISTRY SHOVELING SNOW

For the past eight years the Men's Ministry helps shovel and salt the sidewalks and entrances to GCC on Sunday mornings before worship when it snows the night before. For the first few months of this winter, there was not any snow to shovel on Sunday. All that changed in February. On each of the first three Sundays that month, there was plenty of snow to remove. We have four teams each with three guys who rotate responsibility each week throughout the winter. The work goes quickly and a nice camaraderie has grown within each team. If anyone is interested in joining this merry band of snowmen, contact Chris Clark or Daye Aki.

## LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Tom Lutz who passed away on Monday, February 26 after a long illness, even as we hold Margaret and their family in our prayers. We will celebrate Tom's life and trust him to God at a Memorial Service on Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. at GCC, and at a luncheon immediately following in the Mayflower Room of the church where stories of Tom's life may be shared as we enjoy some of the jazz that inspired him...and for Don Clark's brother, Tom Clark, who died in Florida on Tuesday, February 27 after a brief illness, even as we hold Don, Ellen and Tom's family in our prayers.

# NEEDED PUPPET ADULT LEADERS

After many years of puppet service, Bob and Connie Schiele have decided to move on to other pursuits. We are very grateful for their tireless dedication to the puppet mission. Their departure provides an opportunity for someone to be part of something unique and wonderful at our church. As an adult leader, you will help continue a successful Sunday School program that has been making GCC kids learn about the bible, while laughing, for over 20 years.

The time commitment is one hour about 20 Sundays per year, 10 mainly in the fall and 10 mainly in the winter. This hour coincides with the sanctuary service. You DO NOT need to have experience. You DO NOT need to have a puppeteer in the program. You DO need to have a wacky sense of humor. You DO get to interact and mentor our awesome high school puppeteers, and watch them grow in skill and confidence. You DO get to sing off-key, though this is not a requirement. And most importantly, you WILL be a part of program that has been making Sunday school fun for kids for over 20 years. Oh yes...and you will have a great time (and all the donuts you can eat)!

We look forward to your involvement, sincerely the Puppet Team. For more information contact Jim Habel, 847-997-2537.

## **GIVING GLIMPSE JANUARY 2018**

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

SUMMARY: We are \$57,494 better than budget through February. Our approved budget defines an annual deficit of \$79,779, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2018 with an operating deficit of \$22,285.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$196,059	\$33,259
Other Income	\$45,872	\$15,793
Expenses	\$226,86	(\$8,442)
Net Total	\$15,063	\$57,494





# HASTA: GROWING SUCCESS AT GLOBAL GARDENS

For many of us, growing tomatoes or squash is a simple, satisfying way to spend summer afternoons and feed our families. For Hasta Bhattarai, a refugee from Bhutan who was resettled by RefugeeOne in 2008, gardening is all that and more: it's a way to live out a legacy that goes back generations. As a coordinator of the Global Gardens

Refugee Training Farm, he uses his knowledge of farming to help build community among refugees in Chicago.

Bhutan, where Hasta was born, is a small country in the eastern Himalayas. Though it's known for being the only country that measures Gross National Happiness alongside Gross Domestic Product, Bhutan isn't always a sunny place—especially not for the Lhotshampa. Descended from Nepalese immigrants who arrived in Bhutan in the 19th century to work as farmers, the Lhotshampa (which means "southerners") preserved Nepalese traditions even as they thought of themselves as citizens of Bhutan. But by the 1990s, the Bhutanese government had branded the Lhotshampa as illegal immigrants—despite the fact that their families had been working the same farms for generations—and targeted them for harassment, violence, and even deportation.

In 1992, after Hasta graduated high school, the government forced his family from their farm and out of the country. He and his parents, brother, and sister traveled to Nepal, where they settled in a camp alongside other refugees from Bhutan. There, separated from the country and work they had known all their lives, the family waited. Though the wait was punctuated by moments of happiness—Hasta met and married his wife Chandra in Nepal, for instance—it was hard to be in perpetual limbo without citizenship anywhere.

After sixteen years, Hasta and Chandra found out that they were to be permanently settled in Chicago, and better yet, that his parents and siblings would follow. They were greeted by RefugeeOne staff at O'Hare in August 2008, and taken to their new apartment. Soon after, RefugeeOne helped Hasta connect with his first job: working in a restaurant at O'Hare.

As Hasta and his family found their bearings in their new city, he wanted to give back to other refugees. In 2012, he had a chance to do just that when he became one of three leading volunteers at the Global Gardens Refugee Training Farm. The farm is located in Albany Park and holds about 100 forty-foot-long plots tended by refugees, who grow crops familiar and novel to feed their families and sell at a weekly market. The farm includes community garden plots for neighbors, too. Hasta and his fellow volunteers write grant proposals, tackle organizational issues, and get their hands dirty with the other farmers.

Hasta estimates he spends about 20 hours a week at the garden, where he grows bitter melon, broccoli, and snake gourd, among a host of other crops. ("I like all of them equally," he says.) His plot is thriving—it's difficult to believe that the long Chicago winter could have slowed the planting season when the garden looks this lush—and provides food for him, Chandra, and their two young sons. But the garden doesn't just support his family in their present life in Chicago: it also connects them to their past in the Himalayas. "In Bhutan," he emphasizes, "we were all farmers."

Refugees from all over the world—and now, from all over the city—have plots at Global

Gardens, too. Many of them were resettled by RefugeeOne. "We connect our clients to the garden,

but not just as a food source. It helps them become part of the community," says Helen Sweitzer, manager of adjustment at RefugeeOne. When Hasta talks about what the farm means for others, it's clear that it provides as much emotional as physical comfort to those who work there. "It's not only a place to share fresh food, but a place to come together and share stories," he explains. "The garden helps people practice English: they sell to buyers at the farmer's market, and they talk to refugees from other places." And cultural differences are seen as enriching: "We grow some of the same greens," he says, "but we don't all cook them the same way--so we learn from each other."

# MARCH MISSION MADNESS PROJECT -REFUGEEONE

Together as a congregation we can help make an impact on the lives of these new refugees entering Chicago to find a better life by donating *gently used or new items* on the list below. There will be a collection box by the church office through the month of March. We also have a Refugee Registry at Target for those who want to purchase on-line. Go to *Target.com* click on the Registry & Lists on top of the page, enter the name Tania McCarthy, the Glenview Community Church Refugee One registry will come up. We will also have laptops set up during fellowship time for your convenience after worship through the month of March.

# **ITEMS NEEDED**

- pots and pans,
- dishes (at least 4 matching dinner plates, salad plates, and soup bowls in a set),
- drinking glasses (at least 4 matching),
- baking pans,
- cooking utensils,
- measuring cups and spoons,
- gently used or new car seats of all sizes.

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GCC Worship - Palm Sunday Service

Fellowship & Refreshments

Lenten Community Dinner

Sanctuary

Mayflower

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Chapel

# THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS APRIL 4, 2018 BY 9:00 AM

Lenten Theater

# FRIDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL

An open invitation is extended to join the Volleyball Group. Future dates are 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, and 5/25. Please contact Susan and Dick Mann, 847-724-9448, *akiteman@aol.com*, for more information. All are welcome.

# **PYF SPRING 2018**

PYF is on Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted.

#### **MARCH 18**

PYF Mission Projects – We will assemble waiting room bags for St. Jude's. Watch for a list of what needs to be donated.

### MARCH 25, Palm Sunday No PYF

### **APRIL 1, Easter Sunday** No PYF

### **APRIL 8**

Game On! Card Games

#### **APRIL 15**

Auction & Chili Cook-Off



## **CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATES**

You may recall that at the last congregational meeting, we were over budget. The committee has been busy working to close that gap. In the process, Pastor Mize's cellphone took matters into its computer chips and called Bill Bennett. Bill was with Pepper Construction when GCC started this project and he now works for Altounian Construction. Altounian Construction has many of the trades in-house, keeping their costs competitive. With adjustments to the design and the bid from Altounian, we are now within our budget. The Construction Committee approved a motion to move forward with Altounian as the construction company. To look at the updated drawings and 3D renderings, go to <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XR9w1PrUKOOrJgPZ00mTOZNHz5N4dFeU">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XR9w1PrUKOOrJgPZ00mTOZNHz5N4dFeU</a>.

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

11:05 AM to 12:00 PM

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung Gisselini Associate R

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for

Youth and Children

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

